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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 4, 2005.

At paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2, 6-16 and 18 included allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 2 and 6 have now been rewritten in independent form, and claims 1 and 5 have been canceled. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to depend from independent claim 2. Claims 7-16 and 18 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 6.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now respectfully believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone David A. Dagg, Applicants' Attorney at 617-630-1131 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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